

Amendment No. 2 to HB1716

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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 8, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) It is an offense for the operator or a passenger of a motor vehicle to smoke cigarettes, pipes, or cigars in a motor vehicle when a child who is fourteen (14) years of age or less is also present in the vehicle, regardless of whether the windows of the motor vehicle are down.

(b) A violation of this section is a Class C misdemeanor, subject only to imposition of a fine not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) and court costs not to exceed ten dollars (\$10.00), including, but not limited to, any statutory fees of officers. No state or local litigation taxes shall be applicable to a case prosecuted under this section. Any fine collected pursuant to this subsection (b) shall be allocated to the department of health for the sole purpose of supporting and promoting smoking cessation programs.

(c)

(1) Probable cause for a violation of this section shall be based solely upon a law enforcement officer's clear and unobstructed view of a person smoking as prohibited by this section.

(2) A violation of this section shall be considered a primary offense, and a law enforcement officer may stop a motor vehicle solely because of a violation of this section.

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(3) A law enforcement officer shall not search or inspect a motor vehicle, its contents, the driver, or a passenger solely because of a violation of this section; except, that this subdivision (c)(3) does not prevent the application of the plain view doctrine.

(d) A traffic citation that is based solely upon a violation of this section shall be considered a nonmoving traffic violation, and no points shall be added to a driver record for the violation.

(e) The department of transportation is directed to utilize the department's permanent electronic overhead informational displays located throughout this state to provide periodic messages to the motoring public as to the provisions of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it.